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5 to 10, 22; 10 to 20, 44; 20 to 30, 69; 30 to 40, 42; 40 to 50, 34; 50 to 60, 17; more than 60 years of age, 30. The daily average number of deaths for the week was 55.14, in comparison with 62 during the previous week, and with 47 for the corresponding week of last year. This number of deaths gives a yearly coefficient of deaths per 1,000 of the population, amounting to 23.74.

The population used is the estimated one, 850,000.

By localities the deaths occurred as follows: In houses, hotels, etc., in short, domiciles of all classes, 246; in civil hospitals, 91; in military hospitals, 4; in Sta. Casa da Misericordia, 36; in asylums, convents, etc., 3; in ships in port, none, and in unknown places, 6.

During the week the highest range of the thermometer was on the 3d instant, 27.8° C., and the lowest on the 7th, 17.4° C., with an average for the week of 21.07° C. The rainfall for the week amounted to 37.28 mm., with a daily average of 5.32 mm.

During the week there were 304 births and 60 marriages recorded.

The squadron of the South Atlantic of the United States Navy, on being informed from this office of the prevalence of variola in this port at this date, changed its plans, which had included a visit to Rio de Janeiro, and went to Santos and Montevideo instead.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carson reports as follows for the four days ended October 31, 1904: Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, 9,500; deaths, 5; prevailing disease, mild type of malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. The 5 deaths occurring in this port during the past four days were all colored (1 infant), and were due to—"ascites," 1; abdominal tumor, 1; senility, 1, and malarial fever, 2.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

| Date. | Vessel. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Oct. 28 | Anslem | 41 | 6 | 19 | 0 |
| 29 | Harry W. Haynes | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | Osceola | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Number of aliens sailing from this port, 3.

CHINA.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Communicable diseases—End of cholera—Restrictions as to fruit exportation removed.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports October 6, 1904, as follows:

I have the honor to forward herewith abstract of bills of health issued at this station during the week ended October 1, 1904. There were issued during the week two supplemental bills of health, and